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In re Application of:

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and PILOT, Patrick

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In reviewing the Office Action dated May 9, 2003 it is observed that claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph as containing subject matter not described in the specification as noted on page 1 of the Office Action. However, it is believed that claim 1 has been amended to include steps previously found in claim 2 of the original specification. Furthermore, with regard to the clarification of the first and second power profiles, the specification repeatedly refers to the steps of measuring changes to power profiles (for example, page 3, lines 21-22 and lines 34-35, page 4, lines 25-30, and page line 17, 18) which to a person skilled in the art and science will be understood to represent a first and a second power profile. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that this objection be clarified as soon as possible by fax at 613-233-7941 or by phone at 613-233-5684 (contact person: Jason Hazelton), in view of the upcoming response deadline.

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